



Under the Path of thy feet and Let all thy ways be established,' Prov. 4.26

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War News.

U. S. Flag mingles with Papa
colors.

Democracy and religion are
both represented in convention
Hall.

Big building crowded,
Noted Catholic churchmen and
laymen urge loyalty and Patriot-
ism. (to who, the Pope.)

Austrians fail to stop Italians
Gen. Cadorna's forces push on
over the Bainsizza Plateau,
Airmen bomb Germans.
French repulse the enemy's
counter attacks; Moscow con-
ference begins.

ITALIANS CONTINUE TO
ADVANCE ON THE ISONZO;
TAKE MANY PRISONERS.

Tonite Aug. 26.—The Italians
have made a further advance on
the Isonzo front north of Gorizia,
closely pursuing the Austrians,
the war office announces. Aus-
trian counter attacks on the
Carso were repulsed. The num-
ber of prisoners has been in-
creased to more than 23,000, in
addition to which a great amount
of booty has been captured.

Numerous messages from the
front received by ministers
indicate that the Italians are
making swift strides toward
victory. When asked today for
an expression of his opinion of
the results thus far achieved in
the battle Lieutenant General
Count Cadorna, commander
in chief of the Italian armies
smilingly replied:

"We are doing nicely thank
you."
(The Kansas City Journal.)

Won't force wives to hunt for work.

President Wilson's Ruling on
Exemptions frees many Married
Men

CLEAR UP SITUATION

Local appeal Boards have been
puzzled over intent of Law.

President Wilson's action, by
sending through Provost Mar-
shal General Crowder's office an
explanation of his views of the
draft law in regard to the ex-
emption of men on the ground of
dependent relatives, clarifies the
situation in the western district
of Missouri, as it does in all
other districts throughout the
country.

The President makes it clear
that it was not intended to send
a man to the army if his absence
would force his wife out into the
world to hunt for work to sup-
port herself or her family.

APPEAL BOARD IS SAFE-
GUARDED.

The district appeal board in
the federal building is supposed
to act as a safeguard against any
illegal action taken by the local
boards in denying dependency
claims. Several local boards in
this city have perhaps made
honest mistakes and the presi-
dent's interpretation of the law
will be of assistance in rectifying
these errors when the appeal
board meets today to resume its
work.

One local board in a residence
district has denied the claims of
a number of young married men
who asked for a discharge on
the ground of dependency. Some
of them own their own homes,
some have bought homes on the
time payment plan and have
them partly paid for and in all
these cases the man has either
a wife or a wife and children
depending on him for support
and his labor means the pay-
ment for the home. If these men
are forced into the army their
wives will lose the homes.

DISCHARGE IS LIKELY.

The local board in the district
referred to denied the exemption
claims on the theory that the
wives of these young men are
strong physically and able to
go out and hunt work to sup-
port themselves and children.

The president makes it plain
that these men should not go to
the army; Many of them have
sent their appeals up to the
higher board if the president's
ruling is followed the appeal
board will grant them discharges.

(The Kansas City Journal.)

Search the SCRIPTURE

A Series of Sermons 10th, Sermon.

TEXT

"And he said, Go and tell this
people Hear ye indeed, but un-
derstand not; and see ye indeed,
but perceive not.

Make the heart of this people
fat, and make their ears heavy,
and shut their eyes; lest they
see with their eyes, and hear
with their ears, and understand
with their heart, and convert
and be healed,

Then said I, Lord how long?
And he answered, Until the
cities be wasted without inhabit-
ant, and the houses without men
and the land be utterly desolate.

And the Lord have removed
men far away, and there be a
great forsaking in the midst of
the land." (Isa. 6-9-12.)

This scripture teach us, that
there was a people to be blinded
And that there was some one
who offered to go and blind them
Now in order to know the truth
of this subject, we have to make
an investigation, in order to
know who this some one was,
who was to blind the eyes of
some one class of people. And
the time for them to remain
in darkness,

The question was asked
"Lord how long?" and the
answer come, "until the cities
be wasted with out inhabitants,
and the houses without man,
and the land be utterly desolate
This does not specify the exact
time. But it does tell what
shall be when the time is fully
developed so that we may know,
so then we must find out who
was to blind them.

And in order to do this we
shall call your attention to the
following scripture.

"Therefore they could not
believe, because that Esaias said
again.

He hath blinded their eyes,
and hardened their heart; that
they should not see with their
eyes, nor understand with their
heart, and be converted, and I
should heal them.

These things said Esaias, when
he saw his glory and spake of
him." (St. John 12-39-41.)

We learn by this testimony
that it was Christ spoken of in
our Text. For it was, him that
said here am I send me, and
then God said go and make the
heart of this people fat and close
their eyes, and shut their ears
And this Christ did by Parables
as he said please read

As he said unto them, Unto
you it is given to know the my-
stery of the kingdom of God;
but unto them that are without
all these things are done in par-
ables. That seeing they
may see, and not perceive,
and hearing they may hear,
and not understand lest at
any time they should be convert-
ed and their sins should be
forgiven them. [Mark 4 -11-12]

Also read.

"Another parable spake he
unto them. The kingdom of
heaven is like unto leaven, which
a woman took, and hid in three
measures of meal, till the whole
was leavened.

All these things spake Jesus
unto the multitude in parables,
and without a parable spake he
not unto them,

That it might be fulfilled
which was spoken by the pro-
phet, saying, I will open my
mouth in parables; I will utter
things which have been kept
secret from the foundation of
the world, [Mat. 13-35-34-35]
Here we have plain words telling
us who was to blind the eyes of
the Israelites, which was Christ.

And now we shall give you
the reason why he did, so please
read.

"What then? Israel hath not
obtained that which he seeketh
for, but the election hath obtain-
ed it, and the rest were blinded
According as it is written,

God hath given them the spirit
of slumber, eyes that they
should not see, and ears that
they should not hear, unto this
day,

And David saith: Let their
table be made a snare and a trap
and a stumblingblock, and a
recompense unto them,

Let their eyes be darkened,
that they may not see, and bow
down their back alway

I say then Have they stumbl-
ed that they should fall? God for-
bid, but, rather through their
fall salvation is come unto the
Gentiles, for to provoke them to
jealousy, Rom. 11-7-8-9-10
There could not be more plainer
words than this that could teach
us why it was that Christ blind-
ed their eyes by Parables. For
Paul says according as it is
written God hath given them
the spirit of slumber eyes that
they should not see and ears
that they should hear unto this
day. So that Salvation could be
brought to the Gentiles.

And Paul written this fact
between 20 and 40 years after
Christ had died, And yet there is
a real specified time when this
blindness shall be taken away
from them, please read.

"For I would not, brethren,
that ye should be ignorant of
this mystery, lest ye should be
wise in your conceits, that blind-
ness in part is happened to
Israel, until the fulness of the
Gentiles come in.

And so all Israel shall be
saved; as it is written, There
shall come out of Sion the De-
liverer, and shall turn away
ungodliness from Jacob:

For this is my covenant unto
them, when I shall take away
their sins.

As concerning the gospel,
they are enemies for your sakes
but as touching the election,
they are beloved for the father's
sakes, [Rom. 11-25 to 28]

The reader will plainly see
that Christ blinded their eyes
until the time of the fullness of
the Gentiles has come. And for
this length of time the Israelites,

are enemies to the gospel,
yet they are God's elect. And to
give our readers a more definite
time of the fulfillment of the
Gentiles we shall quote you the
following scripture.

"And they shall fall by the
edge of the sword and shall be
led away captive into all nations;
and Jerusalem shall be trodden
down of the Gentiles, until the
times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.
(Luke 21-24)

Without any doubt by this
scripture we can see that the
eyes of the Israelites are not yet
open, for Jerusalem is not yet
builded up, But there is one
thing sure that this time is
near to come according to the
fulfillment of Prophecies, And we
are trying to give to our
readers this fact.

TO THE CRESSET.

The President has declared
for peace, without annexation,
which is well and good. Evident-
ly he thinks annexation is wrong
between nations. An act that
is wrong for a nation is wrong
for individuals. National annex-
ation is wrong; Just so with
individual annexation. If it is
wrong for Germany to annex
property of France, Russia Bel-
gium. It is wrong for Smyth
to annex property of Brown,
Jones, Greene and James. If
it is right for the United States
to get rich off of Germany,
Britain, France and Russia, it
is right for them to reverse
proceedings and get rich off of
the United States. Who's bull
is gored? Does Patriotism con-
sist in people upholding laws of
the country they live in whether
right or wrong?

The German's are doing that
almost to perfection. The Unit-
ed States should not fight any
nation for doing an act the
United States do themselves.

If the present world war is
waged for the purpose of des-
troying all forms of annexation
it is a patriotic war, Right,
wrongs, no one. This war dem-
onstrates to us the falsity of
war. It is contrary to human
life. Hence false, things that
are in accord with human nature
Preserve human life, hence are
true.

—Thos Coonce.

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